

SALEM BRIDGE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, January 16, 2018

Call to Order, Attendance: President Paul Graham called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. on January 16 **Present:** Paul, Dave Astle, Jean McKinney, Susan Palmer, and Joan Page. **Absent:** Zina Galaka and Anita Walker **Also present:** Dick Pitzer, Club Manager; Allen Carter, SBC Game Director; Judy Lathrop, Unit 490 Treasurer,

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the November 21 regular meeting and the December 15, 2017 annual meeting were approved.

Financial Report/Table Count. Anita arranged for the Treasurer's reports for November and December available for review by the Board. -- The club gained \$838.54 in November and lost \$1,052.84 in December. Our cash balance decreased slightly--from \$14,230.32 on October 22 to \$14,163.68 on December 20. Expenses for December were approximately \$1,300 higher than those for November. The major expense increases were: insurance, \$425; bridge lessons, \$260 (Gayle for Wednesday mornings and Allen for Thursday evenings); the club's annual charity contribution (proceeds from the December 15 game), \$295, and sanction fees. Table count for November was 187, up 30 tables from November, 2017. Table count for December was 194 vs.137 in December, 2016. The treasurer's reports were approved.

Consumer Satisfaction. Both suggestions discussed below are holdovers:

- 1- **Hold a Sunday game at Capitol Manor.** (*Originally discussed on 8/22/17.*) Informal polling of the membership has indicated sufficient support for adding a Sunday game at Capitol Manor. if approved, this game would be held on every Sunday, except when it conflicts with the Sunday Unit Game. The tentative start date for this game will be February 11. (*See the Club Manager's report below for more details.*)
- 2- **Hold at least one IMP game per month.** (*See 11/21/17 minutes.*) Dick thinks we can hold an occasional IMP game, but did not elaborate on what it would entail. He may provide more details next month

Club Manager's Report for January. Dick Pitzer's report for January follows.

1-Censure. An unfortunate situation developed during the January 10 evening game at Capital Manor. A player was extremely rude to their partner and to the attending director; rude to the point the director asked the player to leave the game. Leaving a game for whatever reason (other than medical) is a capital offense and is deserving of censure. The player involved has demonstrated this type of behavior on other occasions and, on this occasion, has been suspended from play for eight weeks.

2-Sanction fees. The club games sanction was accomplished in December so, we are "legal."

3-Sunday game at Capitol Manor. It appears a Sunday game at Capitol Manor is a go. The particulars of the game have been discussed with the Capitol Manor activities director and the Chaplin. Neither object to our holding the game. A tentative start date is February 11, assuming the sanction is completed by then. The cost to sanction is \$11.50.

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4- New computer monitor. We now have a new monitor for the K/SAS game system thanks to the largess of Shirley Layne. She donated a very nice Samsung 24" flat screen. Many thanks to her. A label has been purchased to be affixed to the unit.

5-STAC games in 2018. District 20 now has a January STaC week. In the past we have participated in the Great Western Conference STaC weeks and are scheduled to do so again this year; May 7-13 and Dec 3-9. In the future we can participate in tDistrict 20's January STaC week as well.

6- Table Fees. Albany has raised its table fee to \$6.00. Rumor has it that Ace of Clubs charges \$10.00. Maybe it is time for us to think about an increase as well. A phased-in approach could be used. Something to think about.

Dick Pitzer, Club Manager

Responses to Club Manager's Report.

1. **Sunday game at Capitol Manor.** **MOTION:** JMckK/SP. ***"Commence holding a regular game sponsored by SBC at Capitol Manor on each Sunday when there is no unit game."*** The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Gift of monitor.** Joan Page will circulate a thank you card for Shirley Layne to be signed by each board member.
3. **Possible table fee increase.** **BACKGROUND.** Despite a fairly significant increase in the number of tables in play during the past year, we are just breaking even financially. BUT, we are not losing money. Our cash balance on 12/20/16 was \$9,135.61. Even without counting the \$5,000 cash gift we received from Art Duraski last year, our current cash balance is virtually the same as it was at the end of 2016. The last time the board discussed the issue of raising table fees was last January when Anita made that suggestion in her report to the Board, She noted then that our cash balance had decreased by \$1,115 in 2016 and suggested we consider raising table fees by \$1.00 at Capitol Manor. She also noted that table fees at Ace of Clubs in Portland are \$12.00 per player. There was strong vocal opposition from one CapManor player to raising table fees there, based on the fact that CapManor charges us no rent.

Dick notes that Albany has increased its table fees to \$6.00 per player and suggests it may be time for us to consider doing the same, possibly using a phased in approach. We will consider increasing table fees at next month's meeting.

Liaison with Unit 490. Susan reports that Unit 490 subsidized the annual Christmas Party (held at the Elks Club) at a cost to the Unit of between \$1500 and \$1,700.

Computer Dealing. The Board will invite Loren Meyer to attend our next meeting to discuss the computer dealing process.

Interview on KBZY radio. Paul reported that he and Shain Oleson will be the interviewees on KBZY within the next week or so. Each has prepared some questions for the interviewer (Louis Hubbard).

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Results of the 2017 Charity Drive. Last year's charity drive was a success. It was more meaningful locally because we limited it to donations **actually received at the club and designated for local charities.** The total amount collected and distributed locally was \$3,805. Bill Anning and Susan Palmer co-chaired the drive. **Thanks to both of them!** A detailed summary of donations and recipients has been posted on the club's bulletin board.

Swiss Games at Capitol Manor. In response to a suggestion in September, the board voted to suspend holding Swiss Team games at Capitol Manor through the end of 2017. We agreed to re-evaluate that decision this month. We will postpone doing this until our meeting as we will need input from Miriam Brand.

Payment for Lessons. In August we agreed to pay \$130 every three months to game directors who teach bridge lessons on a regular basis. We will review this policy at our next meeting.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. There will be no regular board meeting in February. Our next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20.

David Astle,
Secretary